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The listed documents are of record in one or more of application Serial No. 09/143,739 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,094,697), Serial No. 09/372,678, Serial No. 09/658,189, and 09/769,314, each of which share a common disclosure with this reissue application. Copies of the listed documents are of record in one or more of those applications. Applicant submits herewith copies of two European

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Search Reports issues in foreign applications corresponding to this application as well as a complete translation of Japanese Patent Publication No. 64-55691, which was also previously made of record.

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This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicant determines that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, applicant reserves the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

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1. Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b);
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